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## **REPRESENTATIVE SIMMONS APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF BILL PROTECTING BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS IN THE WORKPLACE**

(HARTFORD, CT) – State Representative Caroline Simmons (D-Stamford), Chair of the Commerce Committee, applauds fellow members of the Connecticut House following the equitable passage [HB 5158](#), An Act Concerning Breastfeeding In The Workplace.

"I am proud to have been given the opportunity today to speak out on behalf of women who have shared stories of challenging workplace conditions where they weren't provided proper accommodations for breastfeeding," **Rep. Simmons** said. "With the passage of this bill, the House sent a resounding message to businesses that we support breastfeeding mothers as they reenter the workforce."

HB 5158 makes modernizations to the current law to remove barriers and support the needs of breastfeeding, working moms.

**Rep. Simmons** said, "This bill is extremely impactful and will ultimately make our state more accommodating to working moms, encourage more women to continue breastfeeding when they return to the workplace, and provide health benefits to mothers and babies while providing cost savings in the long term. I want to also thank state **Representative Robyn Porter** for her amazing work leading passage of this bill."

Upon today's passage, HB 5158 will now head to the floor of the Senate for further debate and subsequent vote.

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